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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL - 19FT510 AUTHORIZATION

1. UNDER SECTION 502 (B) OF THE MUTUAL SECURITY ACT, AS AMENDED, A POST IS AUTHORIZED TO DISBURSE 19FT510 FUNDS IN LOCAL CURRENCIES EQUIVALENT TO US DOLS 75 PER DAY TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND STAFF MEMBERS FOR EXPENSES INCURRED WHILE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS. FUNDS FOR TOTAL LENGTH OF STAY MAY BE DISBURSED UPON ARRIVAL. THE MUTUAL SECURITY ACT ALSO AUTHORIZES PAYMENT FOR THE ACTUAL COST OF TRANSPORTATION INCURRED BY TRAVELLERS, I.E. CAR RENTAL (WITH OR WITHOUT DRIVER), TAXIS, PUBLIC TRANSPORT. THERE IS NO PROVISION IN THE LAW FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF TRANSPORT BEFORE COSTS HAVE BEEN INCURRED AND THEREFORE POST IS NOT REPEAT NOT AUTHORIZED TO ADVANCE 19FT510 FUNDS TO TRAVELLERS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. IN THE CASE OF LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS A POST SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HAVE THE TRAVELLER DETERMINE THE CHARGES FOR THE CALL AND OBTAIN PAYMENT FROM THE TRAVELLER BEFORE THE TRAVELLER DEPARTS. IF TIME DOES UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT PERMIT IMMEDIATE PAYMENT BY THE TRAVELLER, THE POST

SHOULD BILL THE TRAVELLER IN CARE OF THE RESPECTIVE COMMITTEE. UNDER NO CONDITIONS SHOULD THE POST ABSORB THE COST OF SUCH CALLS. LONG DISTANCE CALLS ARE TO BE PAID FROM THE US DOLS 75 ISSUED TO THE TRAVELLER WHEN POSSIBLE. IN THE EVENT THAT UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT IT, SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE SUCH CALLS TO 19FT510 WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM THE DEPARTMENT. ROBINSON

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